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1. REFTEL AND DISCUSSIONS DURING AN OECD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK HAVE PROVIDED THE ONLY INFORMATION THE FINNS HAVE AT THIS POINT ON CONSIDERATION OF A TOXIC CHEMICALS CONVENTION. MASANEN OF MFA, AFTER DISCUSSION OF POINTS IN REFTEL WITH OJALA, CHIEF OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS DIVISION, OBSERVED THAT THE FINNS' LACK OF KNOWLEDGE WAS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THEIR STRONG INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. MASANEN NOTED THAT THE FINNISH PROPOSAL IN MARCH TO ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK OF THEMES SUITABLE FOR AN ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESS

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ON ENVIRONMENT HAD INCLUDED "CONTROL OF TOXIC CHEMICALS AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES."

2. MASANEN EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY UNDERLYING THE US THOUGHTS ON POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A CONVENTION. SHE SAID HOWEVER THAT THE FINNS WOULD NEED MORE TIME TO STUDY THESE THOUGHTS AND

CONSIDER LINKAGES WITH STEPS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL
CONTEXTS BEFORE THEY COULD STATE VIEWS ON SPECIFIC
ELEMENTS OF A CONVENTION. SHE EXPRESSED SURPRISE
THAT UNTIL NOW THE FINNS HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS DESCRIBED PARA 5 REFTEL WITH
NORWAY AND SWEDEN. TYPICALLY THE THREE COUNTRIES CONSULT
CLOSELY ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. MASANEN ASKED THAT
USG PASS ON INFORMATION ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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